

REMARKS

The Office Action indicated that the subject matter of dependent Claims 4-7, 11, 12, 16 and 17 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

In this regard, independent Claim 21 corresponds to the allowed subject matter of Claim 4, independent Claim 25 corresponds with the allowed subject matter of Claim 5, independent Claim 29 corresponds to the allowed subject matter of Claim 6, independent Claim 33 corresponds to the allowed subject matter of Claim 7, independent Claim 37 corresponds to the allowed subject matter of Claim 11, independent Claim 41 corresponds to the allowed subject matter of Claim 12, independent Claim 45 corresponds to the allowed subject matter of Claim 16, and independent Claim 49 corresponds to the allowed subject matter of Claim 17. The respective dependent claims depend from the allowed subject matter and add additional features of the present invention that are distinguishable over the prior art of record.

It is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance, and an early notification of the same is requested.

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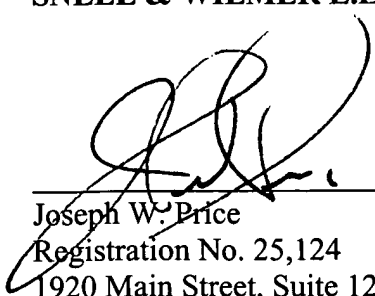
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